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**FOR:** NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME IN USSN 09/494,585**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Appeal filed October 6, 2004 in the parent application, serial number 09/494,585, in order to file the enclosed CON application claiming priority to this case. With the extension, this petition and CON patent application are timely filed by December 30, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557CON (Cura-57CON) in the amount of \$60.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1).

No additional fees are believed due at this time. However, the Commissioner may charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557CON (Cura-57CON). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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